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SUBJECT: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTING ESA

1. SUMMARY: IN FIRST SESSION OF INFORMAL CONTACT GROUP SPIRITED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS TOOK PLACE. USDEL SUCCESSFULLY OBTAINED AGREEMENT THAT INTERAGENCY COORDINATION BE PART OF THE PROCESS WHEREBY GA AND ECOSOC UNDERTAKE TO MAXIMIZE CONSENSUS AND COOPERATION ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AREAS IN MULTI-LATERAL ARENA. END SUMMARY.

2. FIRST MEETING OF INFORMAL CONTACT GROUP, A.M. FEBRUARY 17, CHARACTERIZED BY UNUSUALLY LARGE ATTENDANCE. AGREEMENT REACHED TO CONSIDER CHAPTER 7 (INTERAGENCY COORDINATION) WITH PRELIMINARY REMARKS ON CHAPTER AS A WHOLE TO BE FOLLOWED BY SPECIFIC PARA BY PARA EXAMINATION.

3. A NUMBER OF DELS, INCLUDING U.S., EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT INTERAGENCY COORDINATION NOT BE REGARDED AS AN END UNTO ITSELF BUT A PROCESS BY WHICH GOVERNMENTS ASSURE THAT THOSE POLICIES AND PLANS EMANATING FROM THE GA AND ECOSOC ARE EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTED.

4. THE USDEL (KITCHEN) THEN ELABORATED ON THIS GENERAL CONCERN IN A SINGLE INTERVENTION COVERING PARA ONE
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AND SUB-PARAS A,B AND C. IN DUE COURSE IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT THE GOVERNING BODIES OF THE UN DO NOT HAVE ENFORCEMENT POWERS AND THAT THE PREOCCUPATION OF THE COORDINATION PROCESS SHOULD BE WITH MAXIMIZING COOPERATION AND CONSENSUS WITH RESPECT TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ISSUES.

5. THE REMAINDER OF THE SESSION TURNED ON VARYING DEGRESS OF SUPPORT FOR THAT GENERAL THESIS WHICH WILL ASSUREDLY BE INCORPORATED IN A REVISED TEXT.

6. THE G-77 IS MEETING THIS P.M. (FEB 17) WITH MESSRS. MORSE, DJERMAKOYE AND SALAS FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH RESPECT TO INTERAGENCY COORDINATION.

7. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS QUERIED US WITH REFERENCE TO OUR ALLEGED COOLING OFF ON THE QUESTION OF OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND THE CONSOLIDATION OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS AND FUNDS. WE HAVE INDICATED THAT OUR INTEREST IN THIS OPERATIONAL AREA STANDS AND THE PAPER TABLED IN GENEVA IN JULY REMAINS IN FORCE.

8. COMMENT: IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH KITCHEN, AMBASSADOR DADZIE AS WELL AS AMBASSADOR MAHGOUB (SUDAN), REPRESENTATIVES OF YUGOSLAVIA, PAKISTAN, MEXICO, TURKEY AND NIGERIA HAVE EXPRESSED SOME OPTIMISM THAT A DRAFT REPRESENTING FORWARD MOVEMENT MAY WELL RESULT FROM THIS SESSION AND THE ONE TO BE HELD IN MAY. IT IS CLEAR THAT TODAY'S SESSION IS GENERALLY REGARDED AS ONE OF THE MOST SPIRITED EXCHANGES SO FAR IN THIS EXERCISE.
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